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Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 12:11 PM
To: Hogan; William H (HSS)
Cc: Dan Fagan; Max Gruenberg; Jarvey; Mark A (HSS); Linda Lord-Jenkins; 20080515kkjackson_A; Wielechowski; Bill (LAA); Palin; Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Re: Problems with state licensing

Mr. Hogan,

Its great you are going to hire more staff. I hope they don't need a background clearance! This is a fix that is a couple of months down the road, if not longer and we need action now. May I suggest 2 solutions for now. 1: Put your people on 12 hour shifts (like mine are now) until you have caught up the backlog. 2: Let us go back to doing name checks till you get the department fixed. We need our clearances now not in two months. The cost to us is prohibitive, and wearing on our staff, and yet you have no sense of urgency in this matter. What do I do when I have no staff left, put 32 residents on the street? Please let me know what you intend to do now, not two months from now. Thank You, Mark Arnold

----- Original Message -----

From: "Hogan, William H (HSS)" <bHogan@alaska.gov>

To: <marnold@acsalaska.net>

Cc: "Jarvey, Mark A (HSS)" <majarvey@alaska.gov>; "Wielechowski, Bill (LAA)" <senator_bill_wielechowski@legis.state.ak.us>; "Jackson, Karleen K (HSS)" <KJackson@alaska.gov>; "Max Gruenberg" <rep_max_gruenberg@legis.state.ak.us>; "Palin, Sarah H (GOV)" <sarah.palin@alaska.gov>; "Butler, Jay (HSS sponsored)" <Jay_Butler@alaska.gov>; "Hogan, William H (HSS)" <bHogan@alaska.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 10:49 AM

Subject: RE: Problems with state licensing

> Mr. Arnold - I again apologize. I've been working with our Background
> Check Unit within in our Division of Public Health to resolve these
> concerns. Based on this e-mail - I can see we have additional work to
> do. I understand telling you, we are hiring two new staff in order to

> be

> more timely is an inadequate response. We will continue to make very

> effort to remedy this problem. Thank You, Bill Hogan

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: marnold@acsalaska.net [mailto:marnold@acsalaska.net]

> Sent: Monday, August 13, 2007 12:03 PM

> To: Hogan, William H (HSS)

> Cc: Jarvey, Mark A (HSS); Wielechowski, Bill (LAA); Jackson, Karleen K

> (HSS); Max Gruenberg; Palin, Sarah H (GOV)

> Subject: Re: Problems with state licensing

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> Dear Mr. Hogan,

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> It has now been over three weeks since I contacted you about this

> problem

> with licensing, and have not heard back from you. Since then employee

> V.C.

> clearance came in and it took 38 days. Still waiting for the results
> of

> two

> other employees, submitted on 7/19/07 and 7/31/07. We are critical on

> staff

> due to the failure of the state to provide timely clearances. I feel
> you

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> have had enough time to address this problem and haven't. If we can
> not

> get

> any resolutions by friday, 8/17/07, I intend to file a complaint with

> the

> state ombudsman's office. I'm sorry to have to go this route but our

> residents are suffering because of your departments failure to do
> their

> job.

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> Sincerely,

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> Mark Arnold

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Hogan, Bill" <william_hogan@health.state.ak.us>

> To: <marnold@acsalaska.net>; "Hogan, Bill"

> <william_hogan@health.state.ak.us>

> Cc: <sarah_palin@gov.state.ak.us>;

> <rep_max_gruenberg@legis.state.ak.us>;

> <Ombudsman@legis.state.ak.us>; "Jackson, Karleen"

> <karleen_jackson@health.state.ak.us>; "Jarvey, Mark A"

> <mark_jarvey@health.state.ak.us>;

> <senator_bill_wielechowski@legis.state.ak.us>

> Sent: Monday, July 23, 2007 6:11 PM

> Subject: Re: Problems with state licensing

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>> Dear Mr. Arnold thank you for sharing your concerns. I understand
>> your

>> frustration. I will work with our staff in the Certification and

> Licensing

>> Unit to resolve these issues as quickly as possible. Sincerely, Bill

> Hogan

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: marnold@acsalaska.net <marnold@acsalaska.net>

>> To: Bill Hogan <bill_hogan@health.state.ak.us>

>> CC: Sarah Palin <sarah_palin@gov.state.ak.us>; Max Gruenberg

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>> Sent: Mon Jul 23 17:10:31 2007

>> Subject: Problems with state licensing

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Sent:	Tuesday, August 14, 2007 10:08 AM
To:	journeyhome@cox.net
Subject:	RE: Fish_and_Game

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Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 5:37 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Mr. Paul DiMarco

address: 5425 Club Head Road Virginia Beach VA 23455

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

I was mortified to find out about the McNeil River Bears. It is the hunt that makes hunting a true sport. It is slaughter to walk up to a bear and blow it's brains out. Like shooting a bear in a zoo I don't understand the modern trophy hunter. Have we gotten that lazy? For bad or worse these particular bears at McNeil river and the Katmai National Preserve are completely conditioned to be passive when confronted by man. This may or may not be a bad thing as long as we (the human race) realize our responsibility in managing what God created and has left in our stewardship. There is nothing macho or exciting or enlightened about bagging a defenseless animal, or in my opinion stuffing one and mounting it on a wall.

Thank you and the State Board for making the right/human/ and respectful decision on the Kamishak Special Use Area. But in order to really "do the right thing" please issue an emergency order prohibiting the hunting of any further McNeil bears inside Katmai National Preserve.

I would also like to express my alarm at shooting god's creatures from a helicopter. I would remind you that god made the wolves and the bears and the mountains and the streams. Man made guns and helicopters. Let's try to be a lot more moderate in our sanctioned carnage and pollution of his creation and environment.

journeyhome@cox.net

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Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Ms. Carole Guffey

address: 3421 WEST 31ST AVE. ANCHORAGE AK 99517

907*243*3915

MESSAGE:

Last week I sent this message to your office and to the Commissioner of Fish & Game - to date, no acknowledgement or reply:rnrnWe are senior citizens who have Tier II caribou permits for Unit 13, which we have hunted since 1964. This year we are faced with misinformation/interpretation of the rules in the printed application and the Hunting regulations book for Tier II. A representative of Fish & Game at Glenallen, Mr. Toebe (Tobey?) told the air taxi operator we contacted that he will ticket any airplane that flies hunters/meat and that aircraft may not be used on navigable waterways, in opposition to the following:rnrnQuoted from the Tier II Subsistence Permit Transfer Form and also from the newspaper Tier II applications and the hunting regulations distributed to the public:rnrn"Unit 13 Tier II Moose and CaribournrnThe use of any off-road vehicle** over 1500 lbs., or any aircraft, for Tier II moose and caribou hunting in Game Management Unit 13, including !

the transportation of moose and caribou hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of big game, is prohibited when operated off state-maintained roadways and outside of navigable waterways. **Off-road vehicle includes four-wheel drive trucks and automobiles, motorcycles, three-to eight-wheeled all-terrain recreation and utility vehicles, vehicles with two tracks, air-cushioned vehicles, and airboats.)"rnrnIn the actual regulations, it says:rnrn(13) the use of any off road vehicle over 1,500 pounds, or any aircraft, for moose and caribou hunting under a subsistence permit in Unit 13, including the transportation of moose and caribou hunters, hunting gear, or parts of big game; however, this provision does not prohibit motorized access, or transportation of gear or game, on the Parks Highway, Denali Highway, or Richardson Highway."rnrnalso:rn5AAC 92.004, Policy for off-road vehicle use for hunting and transporting game:rnrn(c) In this section, "off-road vehicle&quo!

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n 5/17/78.rnrnWe would appreciate a reponse.rnrnKenneth & Carole Guffeyrn3421 West 31st Ave.rnAnchorage, AK 99517rn243-3915

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Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Harris

Harris called me yesterday. He said that while the majority selected Juneau, none would be upset, except Juneau delegation, should it be called elsewhere. With the duration and details unknown, the thought was Juneau may prove more convenient. He wanted to reaffirm that he is a proponent of moving the legislature. He also expressed concern over Juneau (delegation and press) grandstanding (not an exact quote). He asked that we keep his comments confidential. I was going to share my conversation w/Mike this morning and ask that he call him.

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Sent: 8/14/2007 5:04 AM

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Sent: Mon Aug 13 12:30:51 2007

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Subject: RE: Sp session

I spoke to Whitaker yesterday, he is emailing a proposal today on Fairbanks. The Arctic Energy Summit is being held in Anchorage at the Cook 10/15 - 10/18. And some other area hotels may be involved. I'm finding out more. That doesn't disclude their assistance but it will present some challenges. The other option discussed was the Egan Center.

I'll talk w/Mike Tibbles today.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 5:08 AM
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: Hurricane

All is well bc after picking up Willow from basketball camp in Orgegon, then visiting family there and in WA, we followed the sun down here on our own contient - so no hurricane! But I hear I'm missing great weather back home at this time.

As much as I dreaded leaving AK (feeling guilty about vacation), it's been great to get away. Track couldn't come with us, but this is nearly a full family vacation and it's beautiful.

Thanks for holding down the fort.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <srparnell1@alaska.gov>

Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 21:02:56

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Hurricane

Are you guys in the path of Hurricane Flossi (Big Island, Hilo or South side)? Hope you have more sun than clouds. Pls keep me informed if you change plans or need anything. Just not sure which island you're on. (I called Mike when I read the news but I'm not passing it on).

Sean

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Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 4:48 AM
To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)
Subject: Re: JNU Empire labor contracts story

Thanks so much Annette. I sincerely appreciate your hard work. The SOA is blessed to have your service. Give your husband a hug from all of us for sharing you with the whole state.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: "Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)" <aekreitzer@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 14:13:21

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: JNU Empire labor contracts story

Governor:

You likely saw this story if you received the "clips" for Sunday. Also, just an FYI, I sent a few more names through Anna Kim to Mike T. for your consideration for a Rural Affairs coordinator.

Also emailed an idea to you, Lt. Gov. and Mike about a small business partnership with the State Chamber as a result of the Cabinet Meeting discussion.

Hope your short "breather" brings you back refreshed and with more surety of your mission. I know when I get time away from my email, phone and the piles on my desk it does wonders for my ability to think, strategize and plan.

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Web posted August 12, 2007

State employees receive long-awaited wage increases

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PAT FORGEY

JUNEAU EMPIRE

Gov. Sarah Palin's new administration nearly has completed a series of union contract negotiations, giving what some union officials called the best deals they've had in years.

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"While we would have liked to do better, it's clearly a better contract than we've had in the past," said Jim Duncan, business manager of the Alaska State Employees Association.

His union represents 8,415 employees. Its contract includes wage increases and some long-sought benefits, such as a weekend differential for employees at 24-hour institutions such as Pioneer homes.

Seven of eight unions with contracts expiring in 2007 have reached tentative agreements with the state, though the ASEA's has not yet been ratified.

In contrast to recent years, this year's ASEA and other contracts will at least equal the inflation rate for at least the first year.

The last three-year contract included no increase at all in its first year, 1.5 percent in the second year and a 2 percent increase in its third year, Duncan said.

The ASEA bargaining team has agreed to a 4 percent increase this year, followed by 3 percent increases in each of the next two years, though it has not yet been ratified by members.

Department of Administration Commissioner Annette Kreitzer said Gov. Sarah Palin recognized the need to boost pay rates to keep and attract talented employees.

"We value state employees and want the state to be an employer of choice," said Kreitzer said in a written statement.

State employee contracts negotiated in 2007

Union

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Alaska Public Employees Association

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3

3

InlandBoatman's Union of the Pacific

3

NA

NA

Teachers Education Assoc. of Mt. Edgecumbe

3

3

3

Labor Trades and Crafts

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2

NA

APEA-Confidential Employees Unit

4

3

3

APEA-Supervisory Employees Unit

to be determined

International Org. of Masters, Mates and Pilots

3

NA

NA

Marine Engineers Beneficial Association

3

NA

NA

NA: Not applicable

SOURCE: Alaska Department of Administration

Despite wage increases since 1990, state worker pay has not kept up with inflation, said Jim Calvin, a partner with the McDowell Group, a Juneau research and consulting firm.

"In real terms, average wages paid to state employees are below what they used to be," Calvin said.

He said the decline during that time appeared to be about 20 percent, based on an examination of data for state workers in Juneau.

Of all the unions with agreements, only those representing the 800 workers on the Alaska Marine Highway System got contracts for only one year. The Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, the International Association of Masters, Mates and Pilots and the InlandBoatman's Union of the Pacific all agreed to accept one-year contracts.

State officials insisted on a single-year contract, said Ben Goldrich of the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association in Juneau.

"It's essentially at the state's request, in order to buy us more time to work on bigger things," Goldrich said.

Department of Transportation spokesman Mike Chambers referred questions about the short contract to Department of Administration representatives.

Dianne Kiesel, director of the Division of Personnel and Labor Relations, said the short contract period was to due to new managers of the system, including Dennis Hardy, deputy commissioner for the Marine Highway System, and Leo von Scheben, Transportation commissioner.

"It's basically buying some time to review the management of the system," she said.

Kiesel said that because she wasn't part of the system she wasn't comfortable saying what that review might entail.

"They have a lot of ideas and want to look at the organization as a whole," she said.

Goldrich said he was not concerned about the short contract extension offered by the new Palin administration.

"So far she seems to understand the importance of the marine highway to the economy down here," he said.

For the ASEA contract to take effect, it needs ratification by union members this fall. In a June advisory vote, members narrowly approved the agreement reached by the bargaining team and the Department of Administration.

Duncan said the contract includes a number of new elements. It allows employees who are ineligible for overtime to get flex time instead and changes their ability to access the medical leave bank.

Under one new contract provision, employees in 24-hour institutions will be paid an extra $1 per hour for working weekends.

"That's a provision we've been working on for a number of years," he said.

Duncan said the extra pay recognizes that "it's a real hardship" for state workers who have to work on weekends. Typically that's a time when their spouse is off work and their children are out of school, and the weekend differential should be expanded to other

employees as well.

"We got our foot in the door," he said. "We'll work to expand it in following years."

Ballots for the ratification vote will be mailed Sept. 10, with votes counted Oct. 16.

One union still needing to reach an agreement is the Alaska Public Employees Association's Supervisory Employees Unit.

• Contact Pat Forgey at 523-2250 or patrick.forgey@juneauempire.com.

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In addition to Kris' comments... Nizich is working with the Legislative Affairs Agency to get a needs list (space requirements, number of offices including space for staff, phones, computers, etc.) for a longer special session. They have not been all that organized or helpful until recently. I think the public announcement last week was enough to show that we are serious about the special session. I have talked to Mike and he is putting pressure on Leg Affairs to respond and they claim to be finalizing a check list this week. If we don't get something asap, I will talk to Harris. I wanted to make sure you knew that both Nizich and Kris are working on the issue and communicating daily. Kris is doing more of the on the ground work to establish options.

For what it is worth, I think Lyda does not look good refusing to give input. We are doing what we can to get the logistical issues resolved so we are better positioned to have a successful session. I think she appears as if she does not want to cooperate on this important issue. Sound like more of the same especially in light of the investigations.

Sharon and I have talked to make sure our comments to reporters are clear. If asked, we are reminding reporters and others that you announced your intention to make a decision on the location by September 4th. We just wanted to take the opportunity to receive input from the legislature on how we can make it more productive. It is puzzling why some refuse to give input.

Mike

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Mr. Arnold - I again apologize. I've been working with our Background Check Unit within in our Division of Public Health to resolve these concerns. Based on this e-mail - I can see we have additional work to do. I understand telling you, we are hiring two new staff in order to be more timely is an inadequate response. We will continue to make very effort to remedy this problem. Thank You, Bill Hogan

-----Original Message-----

From: marnold@acsalaska.net [mailto:marnold@acsalaska.net]

Sent: Monday, August 13, 2007 12:03 PM

To: Hogan, William H (HSS)

Cc: Jarvey, Mark A (HSS); Wielechowski, Bill (LAA); Jackson, Karleen K (HSS); Max Gruenberg; Palin, Sarah H (GOV)

Subject: Re: Problems with state licensing

Dear Mr. Hogan,

It has now been over three weeks since I contacted you about this problem with licensing, and have not heard back from you. Since then employee V.C. clearance came in and it took 38 days. Still waiting for the results of two other employees, submitted on 7/19/07 and 7/31/07. We are critical on staff due to the failure of the state to provide timely clearances. I feel you have had enough time to address this problem and haven't. If we can not get any resolutions by friday, 8/17/07, I intend to file a complaint with the state ombudsman's office. I'm sorry to have to go this route but our residents are suffering because of your departments failure to do their job.

Sincerely,

Mark Arnold

----- Original Message -----

From: "Hogan, Bill" <william_hogan@health.state.ak.us>

To: <marnold@acsalaska.net>; "Hogan, Bill"

<william_hogan@health.state.ak.us>

Cc: <sarah_palin@gov.state.ak.us>; <rep_max_gruenberg@legis.state.ak.us>;

<Ombudsman@legis.state.ak.us>; "Jackson, Karleen"

<karleen_jackson@health.state.ak.us>; "Jarvey, Mark A"

<mark_jarvey@health.state.ak.us>;

<senator_bill_wielechowski@legis.state.ak.us>

Sent: Monday, July 23, 2007 6:11 PM

Subject: Re: Problems with state licensing

> Dear Mr. Arnold thank you for sharing your concerns. I understand your

> frustration. I will work with our staff in the Certification and
> Licensing

> Unit to resolve these issues as quickly as possible. Sincerely, Bill
> Hogan

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: marnold@acsalaska.net <marnold@acsalaska.net>

> To: Bill Hogan <bill_hogan@health.state.ak.us>

> CC: Sarah Palin <sarah_palin@gov.state.ak.us>; Max Gruenberg

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> <senator_bill_wielechowski@legis.state.ak.us>

> Sent: Mon Jul 23 17:10:31 2007

> Subject: Problems with state licensing

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]

Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 8:27 AM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Kenai talk/staffing notes

I'm glad to hear you're doing well! And, no, don't feel guilty about vacation. Everyone needs down time for recharging purposes and for reprioritizing. If you didn't take personal time for you and your family we'd all have cause for concern!! So far, it's a fairly slow time for "breaking" stories, and a good time for you to be gone.

I have only one speaking engagement in the next week (Kenai Chamber). Beforehand, I'll likely show the flag by touring some of the Borough and state facilities.

In our office, Privileged or Personal Material Redacted and Jay Pullins and Kris Showalter have stepped up to their new responsibilities well as COS and DCOS respectively. You'll see Kris in Juneau full time during the session in her Deputy Chief role as she's agreed to live there for the session. We're a bit understaffed with two currently in Juneau and four in Anchorage (I had five in Juneau and four in Anchorage when I started), but we're going to stay this way for a few months and save some money. Then, I'll add one back in Juneau as we get closer to session and Kris will go down in January.

That's the news from our end of the tent. Enjoy your trip!

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tue 8/14/2007 5:08 AM
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: Hurricane

All is well bc after picking up Willow from basketball camp in Orgegon, then visiting family there and in WA, we followed the sun down here on our own contient - so no hurricane! But I hear I'm missing great weather back home at this time.

As much as I dreaded leaving AK (feeling guilty about vacation), it's been great to get away. Track couldn't come with us, but this is nearly a full family vacation and it's beautiful.

Thanks for holding down the fort.
Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----
From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <srparnell1@alaska.gov>

Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 21:02:56
To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: Hurricane

Are you guys in the path of Hurricane Flossi (Big Island, Hilo or South side)? Hope you have more sun than clouds. Pls keep me informed if you change plans or need anything. Just not sure which island you're on. (I called Mike when I read the news but I'm not passing it on).

Sean

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=GOVERNOR]

Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 12:27 PM

To: Spencer, Kari L (GOV)

Subject: test email

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Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 8:01 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: FW: Clitheroe House-Salvation Army
Importance: High

FYI

From: Kim, Anna C (GOV)
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2007 2:22 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Clitheroe House-Salvation Army
Importance: High

All,

I wanted to give you a heads up that the Clitheroe Center which provides detox (residential treatment) will be closing it doors around midnight tonight due to primarily staffing issues. (Real story is poor management) Citheroe knew this was coming (for a while—weeks or maybe months) and chose to include us only yesterday which was very frustrating.

They have been running at half staff for some time. I have been in teleconference with various parties yesterday and today with problem solving the situation—this included Mayor Begich's office staff.

Long story short-

1. Clitheroe will be sending out a press release saying their detox services will be redirected due to staffing issues
2. Clitheroe has been actively working with other community resources and the State for solutions and triage for future clients
3. The State grants that Clitheroe are receiving will be redirected to other potential agencies to perform these services including API.

Commissioner Jackson and her staff are aware of the situation and Sherry Hill from H&SS will be the point of contact if you have any questions. Let me know too, I may be able to answer.

Senator Green has already wanted confirmation that the entire center was not closing and she was told today that only the detox center. There may have been other legislators that phoned I am unaware of.

Anna

Anna Kim
Special Staff Assistant

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MATIBBLES]
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 8:49 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: JNU Empire labor contracts story

Thanks. Many conservatives are not too sympathetic to state employee union concerns. However, I don't think that Alaskans reading the story from a conservative perspective will be too upset that the state gave up too much. The story raises salaries (at least the reference to the ASEA contract) in terms of keeping pace with inflation not as a large catch up provision or outrageous pay increase. When the unions expressed concern that the salaries have eroded over time, we told them we were not going to be blamed for contracts accepted by them and their members in the past.

Overall, the story sounded sensible. It talked about needing to review the management plan of the marine highway system (which we do). Also, Jim Duncan complained that they would have liked more, which is a reflection that we did not give them everything. I am more worried about the next round of negotiations. They will be tough and will require some very difficult decisions.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 5:04 AM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Fw: JNU Empire labor contracts story

Hi Mike- did u interpret the JNU E story good or bad for a fiscally conservative agenda?

You and Annette are doing an amazing job with labor. Thank you very much. You have great talent in being able to work well with both/all sides!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 12:47:35

To:"Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)" <aekreitzer@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: JNU Empire labor contracts story

Thanks so much Annette. I sincerely appreciate your hard work. The SOA is blessed to have your service. Give your husband a hug from all of us for sharing you with the whole state.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)" <aekreitzer@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 14:13:21

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: JNU Empire labor contracts story

Governor:

You likely saw this story if you received the "clips" for Sunday. Also, just an FYI, I sent a few more names through Anna Kim to Mike T. for your consideration for a Rural Affairs coordinator.

Also emailed an idea to you, Lt. Gov. and Mike about a small business partnership with the State Chamber as a result of the Cabinet Meeting discussion.

Hope your short "breather" brings you back refreshed and with more surety of your mission. I know when I get time away from my email, phone and the piles on my desk it does wonders for my ability to think, strategize and plan.

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Web posted August 12, 2007

State employees receive long-awaited wage increases

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PAT FORGEY

JUNEAU EMPIRE

Gov. Sarah Palin's new administration nearly has completed a series of union contract negotiations, giving what some union officials called the best deals they've had in years.

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"While we would have liked to do better, it's clearly a better contract than we've had in the past," said Jim Duncan, business manager of the Alaska State Employees Association.

His union represents 8,415 employees. Its contract includes wage increases and some long-sought benefits, such as a weekend differential for employees at 24-hour institutions such as Pioneer homes.

Seven of eight unions with contracts expiring in 2007 have reached tentative agreements with the state, though the ASEA's has not yet been ratified.

In contrast to recent years, this year's ASEA and other contracts will at least equal the inflation rate for at least the first year.

The last three-year contract included no increase at all in its first year, 1.5 percent in the second year and a 2 percent increase in its third year, Duncan said.

The ASEA bargaining team has agreed to a 4 percent increase this year, followed by 3 percent increases in each of the next two years, though it has not yet been ratified by members.

Department of Administration Commissioner Annette Kreitzer said Gov. Sarah Palin recognized the need to boost pay rates to keep and attract talented employees.

"We value state employees and want the state to be an employer of choice," said Kreitzer said in a written statement.

State employee contracts negotiated in 2007

Union	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Alaska Public Employees Association	4	3	3

InlandBoatman's Union of the Pacific

3

NA

NA

Teachers Education Assoc. of Mt. Edgecumbe

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3

3

Labor Trades and Crafts

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2

NA

APEA-Confidential Employees Unit

4

3

3

APEA-Supervisory Employees Unit

to be determined

International Org. of Masters, Mates and Pilots

3

NA

NA

Marine Engineers Beneficial Association

3

NA

NA

NA: Not applicable

SOURCE: Alaska Department of Administration

Despite wage increases since 1990, state worker pay has not kept up with inflation, said Jim Calvin, a partner with the McDowell Group, a Juneau research and consulting firm.

"In real terms, average wages paid to state employees are below what they used to be," Calvin said.

He said the decline during that time appeared to be about 20 percent, based on an examination of data for state workers in Juneau.

Of all the unions with agreements, only those representing the 800 workers on the Alaska Marine Highway System got contracts for only one year. The Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, the International Association of Masters, Mates and Pilots and the InlandBoatman's Union of the Pacific all agreed to accept one-year contracts.

State officials insisted on a single-year contract, said Ben Goldrich of the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association in Juneau.

"It's essentially at the state's request, in order to buy us more time to work on bigger things," Goldrich said.

Department of Transportation spokesman Mike Chambers referred questions about the short contract to Department of Administration representatives.

Dianne Kiesel, director of the Division of Personnel and Labor Relations, said the short contract period was to due to new managers of the system, including Dennis Hardy, deputy commissioner for the Marine Highway System, and Leo von Scheben, Transportation commissioner.

"It's basically buying some time to review the management of the system," she said.

Kiesel said that because she wasn't part of the system she wasn't comfortable saying what that review might entail.

"They have a lot of ideas and want to look at the organization as a whole," she said.

Goldrich said he was not concerned about the short contract extension offered by the new Palin administration.

"So far she seems to understand the importance of the marine highway to the economy down here," he said.

For the ASEA contract to take effect, it needs ratification by union members this fall. In a June advisory vote, members narrowly approved the agreement reached by the bargaining team and the Department of Administration.

Duncan said the contract includes a number of new elements. It allows employees who are ineligible for overtime to get flex time instead and changes their ability to access the medical leave bank.

Under one new contract provision, employees in 24-hour institutions will be paid an extra $1 per hour for working weekends.

"That's a provision we've been working on for a number of years," he said.

Duncan said the extra pay recognizes that "it's a real hardship" for state workers who have to work on weekends. Typically that's a time when their spouse is off work and their children are out of school, and the weekend differential should be expanded to other employees as well.

"We got our foot in the door," he said. "We'll work to expand it in following years."

Ballots for the ratification vote will be mailed Sept. 10, with votes counted Oct. 16.

One union still needing to reach an agreement is the Alaska Public Employees Association's Supervisory Employees Unit.

• Contact Pat Forgey at 523-2250 or patrick.forgey@juneauempire.com.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 7:45 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Harris

I just talked to him recently and he passed along to me that (1) he is personally a supporter of moving the legislature (2) he apologized for his member's negative comments and that he could not put words in their mouths but he is trying to be helpful and (3) he wanted help in resolving the jet issue - a while back, he called you to let you know that we have a potential buyer for the jet but now he feels the buyer is getting the run around from our agent. I have asked Russ to get an update on the jet sale and will get back to Harris.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Monday, August 13, 2007 12:31 PM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Harris

Harris called todd's cell - he's not picking up when i try his Privileged c number. Would u call hm, find out what's up. Thanks!